CHAPTER NO. 681

SENATE BILL NO. 2675

By Blackburn

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2540

By Sargent

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-315, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

An insurer of a life insurance policy or annuity issued for delivery in Tennessee, with respect to a claim for benefits by reason of the death of the insured or annuitant, shall pay interest beginning on the 15th day following the date of death of the insured or annuitant, with such interest compounded annually for a period not to exceed three (3) years from such date. The rate of interest payable shall not be less than the interest currently paid by the insurer with respect to proceeds left on deposit.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to all claims to which this act applies submitted on and after the effective date of this act.

PASSED: April 10, 2002

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER

APPROVED this day of 2002

DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had Senate Bill No. 2675 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.